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EXPLAINS DELAY IN NAMING OF COUNTY SURVEYOR

A letter from J. P. Painter, Secretary to Governor Hyde, to R. M. White explains the cause of the delay in naming a man for the office of surveyor in Audrain County.

The county court had recommended the name of Ben C. Elliott, but a dispatch from Jefferson City stated that they were of the opinion that Elliott was an architect and not a surveyor.

The letter follows:
R. M. White,
Mexico, Missouri.

My Dear Mr. White:
Answering your letter of August 19th relative to appointment of surveyor in your county beg to advise that the difficulty seems to be that no one has been suggested for the place who is fully qualified. We have asked the Attorney General for an opinion as to whether this appointment must go to some resident of that County. The matter will be given as speedy attention as possible as soon as we have this opinion.

Yours very truly,
J. P. PAINTER,
Secretary.

L. McF. Gamble, chairman of the Audrain County Republican Committee, stated in an interview Monday that "the appointment was not held up on account of any political reason but because members of the county court had impressed on me the fact that they wanted an able man."

Exhume Body of Monroe Co. Stock Broker

The body of Monroe Dawson, live stock broker and native of Monroe county, who died at his home in East St. Louis three weeks ago, was exhumed at Holliday during an early morning visit of officials to the cemetery and the viscera, sealed in the presence of two state witnesses, Elton Miller and Willis Cunningham, and sent to the state chemist at Columbia to be analyzed.

The exhumation was ordered by Dr. Baker, coroner of Monroe county, under request it is said, of Illinois authorities.

The dead man was 45 years old and one month before he died was married to Miss Chapin of East St. Louis aged 65.

Relatives allege that from the best information obtainable, he was under the influence of some drug and did not know what he was doing. The marriage was performed by Rev. Frank Tucker of St. Charles, Mo., formerly of Paris, who says, it is reported, that he recalled the wedding as unusual. Dawson, it is said, left an estate of \$50,000, all in personal property, none of which, under the Illinois law, goes to his relatives, though he was without children.

The Paris Mercury.

TWO ATTEMPTS MADE TO CASH BAD CHECKS HERE

Check forgers have been active in Mexico during the last week, and in that time at least one merchant has lost money on a "wooden" check, and an attempt has been made to cash another without either of the guilty parties being caught.

The first one was an attempt made to forge the name of W. D. Mason on a check for \$17.50 that was presented at the Southern Bank, Frank Bickley, the teller, refused to cash the check when he saw that the signature was W. B. instead of W. D. Mason, but the writer presented the same check at the New York Store and after buying a small bill of goods got away with the change.

A negro also attempted to cash a check for \$15 at Phillips Clothing Store, but did not succeed. The check was signed W. W. Johnson, and was made out on the Mexico Savings Bank. The negro got away without being caught.

Sells Hogs at Top.
J. B. Woolery, of Audrain county, Mo., was present Friday and brought with him a very nice load of light hogs, with which he topped the market, the same selling at \$10.00 per cwt. Seventy-seven hogs, averaging 174 lbs.—Live Stock Reporter.

"KEEP CATTLE OFF MARKET," IS WARNING

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Farmers, keep your cattle off the market. That was the warning sent broadcast throughout the cattle growing country recently by the Chicago Live Stock Exchange.

Cattle raisers, dealers and shippers were urged to restrict the shipping of cattle to the packing centers, due to the glutted market. Additional heavy shipments, it was feared, would demoralize the live stock prices. Demand for beef comes to a standstill with the market glutted, packing officials said.

Elks Annual Picnic Enjoyed by Over 400

Between four and five hundred people enjoyed the Elks barbecue and picnic Friday evening that was held at the Burlington Club east of town and enjoyed it to the fullest.

The affair, that began late in the afternoon, did not end till the last note of "Home, Sweet Home" had been played by the Sunshine orchestra after a jolly crowd of dancers spent the late hours on the moonlit platform.

There was an abundance of food for all, food of the barbecued variety that had been prepared well beyond the expectancy of any French chef by J. C. King, Billie Rose and Dick Bradley. All the trimmings were there too and were dispensed cafeteria style by a willing committee of members.

After the meal a four piece orchestra appeared on the scene in a truck and delighted the dancing crowd and those who stayed to look on until the wee hours.

It was a most enjoyable affair and the committees in charge deserve special mention for the most splendid preparations they made.

Rev. W. P. Winn Urges Revival of Inward Worship

"Give us God Aids in deed and in money, but give self most of all" said W. P. Winn, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church in a most interesting sermon at the local Methodist church Sunday morning.

Rev. Winn urged a revival of the Christlike inward worship, rather than an attempt at the improvement of outward forms and symbols, saying that "We Must Worship God From Our Hearts Rather Than by Mere Symbols."

"Songs," he said "are an indication of a man's inmost thoughts. Show me the songs of a people and I'll tell you what dwells in their souls."

Announcement was made that Rev. Cowart would be in the pulpit for regular services next Sunday.

Poultry Raisers to Meet

There will be a meeting of those interested in a poultry show Saturday, August 27 at the Chamber of Commerce building. A tentative constitution will be presented to form a permanent organization of the poultry raisers in Audrain County. There never was a time when the people of Audrain should be more interested in pure bred poultry than now. Come and bring a few good suggestions.

A. GORRELL.

Miss Dora Cawthorn has just returned from a visit to Idaho and Yellowstone Park. While in Idaho Falls, she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lake, formerly of Vandalia.

Quick Mail Service

Sam Sharp sent his wife, who was visiting near Boston, Mass., a big basket of tomatoes last week, mailing them Friday evening at 6:45 p. m. with a Special Delivery Stamp. Mrs. Sharp enjoyed them for breakfast Monday morning.

Files Petition For Divorce

Mrs. Lottie Yeske filed a petition for divorce against Erich Yeske Saturday with the Circuit Clerk. The case will come up in the September term of court.

Mrs. Wil Helser, of Molino, is a patient at the Audrain Hospital.

CONTRACT FOR BANK SUPPLY CO. BLDG. LET MONDAY

Howard J. Rhodus, President of the Continental Banking Supply Co., announced Tuesday that the contract for their building here had been let to Haggard & Slavens, local contractors, the sum being \$14,600. Work on it will begin at once.

The sub-contractors will not be let at present as the company does not desire to have this work begin until they are ready to move their motors and other equipment from St. Louis. The building will be on East Liberty street and will be modern in every respect. The company plans to occupy it immediately upon completion.

Vandalia Citizen Likes Parrish's Plan

One Archibald Highball, whose name does not appear in the most recent directories of Vandalia and vicinity, is evidently one of the aggressive citizens of that section, for he writes us as follows:

Vandalia, Mo., Aug. 17th, 1921.

Dear Editor:
I see in your paper that Doctor Parrish is going to cut a slice out of Audrain, Ralls and Pike counties and form a new county down here. That's the system. I will give 4 acres of ground on my farm located near here for a site, provided I get honorable mention in the papers. Does never say anything to me about it but I stand ready to make this proposition any time.

Yours truly,
ARCHIBALD HIGHBALL,
Route Two, Vandalia, Mo.

Committees Of the Legion Plan Fall Activities

The athletic committee of the local post of the Legion is making arrangements for a splendid series of athletic events during the coming season that will stimulate interest in the post and its activities among all the ex-servicemen of the county.

Utens of Junction City, Kansas, a wrestler who recently threw Jess Wheat, may be invited to participate in a wrestling match that is to be staged here in the near future. A man from Hannibal is also being considered as a probable contestant.

A committee from the Legion is considering showing at a local theatre a war picture of the 36th and 89th Division men in action overseas.

County Nines End Ball Game With Track Meet

Molino and Santa Fe are having a hard time proving the diamond championship of their neighborhood. With two games of a series of three already played the score is tied.

The first game resulted in a count of 10-4 in favor of Santa Fe while the second ended 31-21 in favor of Molino. In the second contest there were 19 home runs made and Rudolph, formerly of Mexico, who is catching for Molino got 7 times up.

The deciding game of the series will be played next week.

Marriage License Issued

A marriage license was issued Saturday morning to Henry Duffen and Alyce Quisenberry, both of Mexico.

Harrison Brown went to Colorado, Saturday, to return with Mrs. Brown who has been spending several weeks there.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dearing returned Sunday from a ten days vacation in Marshall and Sedalia.

Died Suddenly Saturday.
George Leeper, a well known farmer residing between Hutton and Concord died suddenly about 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

WM. HIRTH SAYS THE FARMERS MUST CO-OPERATE

"The farmers of the country must have a broader vision and must realize that both the merchant and banker are friends of the farmer and not working against him," said William Hirth, principal speaker at the organization meeting of Audrain County farmers at the Court House Tuesday night.

"Past farmers organizations have failed," said Hirth, "because they tried to eliminate the merchant by prejudice and by failure to co-operate with him. They are now realizing that they must have his assistance and vice versa."

"The time will soon come," he said "when the farmers of the country will be organized under one head and will work together and much good for them will be the result."

Lester Miller told of the development of the elevator and live stock shipping association in this county and how it had come to its present status. Judge Gatson similarly outlined the progress of the east end of the county and Nick Schmidt spoke of their work at Centralia, where he is manager of the elevator.

The county officers elected were as follows:

President Judge S. C. Groves.
Vice-president, Alex Carter.
Secretary, Henry Dean.

At township caucuses during the meeting 2 directors for each township in the county were chosen for the county organization as follows:

Saling Township
T. J. Bryson, Centralia.
S. C. Crank, Clark.
Wilson Township
J. I. Howard, Centralia.
J. F. Edwards, Centralia.

Linn Township
P. S. Skelly, Rush Hill.
J. A. Kelly, Laddonia.

Lure Township
Harry Crane, Martinsburg.
R. S. Douglass, Benton City.

Quiver Township
Otis Montague, Farber.
Carver Brown, Farber.

Salt River Township
Reed Burke, Mexico.
Charles Arnold, Mexico.

There were no directors chosen from Prairie Township.

C. of C. Making Tentative Plans For Corn Show

The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday evening and discussed plans for a fall farm products show. Tentative plans were suggested for the following displays:

1. Displays of farm products.
2. Displays of manufactured products.
3. Poultry show.

The question of entertainment was discussed and a committee appointed to suggest a definite program. The idea was to hold this show in conjunction with Mr. Johnson's Round Up show which would furnish entertainment in the afternoon. The plans were to include a first class band.

It was the opinion of those present that this matter should be presented to the meeting of farmers which was being held at the court house with the view of getting their attitude.

The matter was presented to them and when a show of hands was called for from those in favor of such an organization, it appeared that about one third of the farmers present responded, according to a report given the Ledger.

This question of a farm product show will be discussed and finally settled at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Thursday. All members of the organization will be requested to attend this meeting.

MARTINSBURG COAL COMPANY STARTS CAR LOTS SHIPMENTS

The Martinsburg Coal and Mining Co., Inc., shipped its first car of electric machine mined coal of electric class at ramboillet, they were awarded prizes for the following: Yearling rams, first and second; ram lambs, first and second; aged ewes, first and second; yearling ewes, first and second; ewe lambs, first and second; back; pen of lambs; champion ram; champion ewe.

In the open class of ramboillet, the Ellis brothers also won the following awards: aged rams, third; yearling rams, fourth; ram lambs, fourth; aged ewes, third; yearling ewes, first flock, third; pen of lambs, third.

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SAYS GERMANS WOULD RESENT TREATY CLAUSE

BERLIN, Aug. 19.—Reparations for American lives lost in the Great War is one of the demands of the United States in drafting a treaty of peace with Germany was reported here.

The demand and others stirred resentment among German leaders but they were prepared to accede to all of them and sign the treaty as early as possible.

Germany takes the position, according to authoritative statements, that she cannot assume more obligation than are contained in the Versailles treaty.

Agreement Has Been Drafted

BERLIN, Aug. 19.—Chancellor Wirth, Foreign Minister Rosen and Dr. Haniel Von Hainhausen, under secretary of the foreign office, with representatives of the coalition party with regard to the forthcoming peace treaty between the United States and Germany.

In the next few days he will call in opposition leaders and inform them that an agreement has been drafted on the strength of informal conversations between Dr. Rosen and Ellis Loring Drosel, United States commissioner in Berlin, which is believed to be acceptable to the United States government as a basis for the enactment of a final and formal treaty of peace.

Appointment Of County Surveyor Not Confirmed

Some concern is being felt in the county over delay in having the appointment of a county surveyor made. The people who are feeling the need of a surveyor most keenly are a number of farmers who desire to have property surveyed and who have been unable to do so because there is no one in the county who can do the work.

The county court has been compelled to postpone the letting of contracts for some much needed bridges on county roads since they have no one to furnish specifications for them.

At its meeting the first week in August the county court recommended to the governor the appointment of Ben C. Elliott as county surveyor, but no word of confirmation has been received from Jefferson City.

Frances Marshall 21 Years Old, Died On Tuesday

Miss Frances Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Marshall residing 4 miles southeast of Mexico, died Tuesday at 2 p. m., of tuberculosis. Her death was a shock to many friends in this vicinity.

Miss Marshall lived in Mexico for a time and was a graduate of McMillan High School where she was very popular and had a host of friends.

Both her parents live to mourn her death and besides them she is survived by 8 brothers. Another sister is deceased.

Funeral arrangements have not been made. Miss Marshall was a splendid young girl with a cheerful disposition and was loved by all who knew her. She will be mourned by a host of friends in and near Mexico.

The Ledger joins in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

ELLIS BROTHERS WIN MANY PRIZES AT STATE FAIR

John and Clyde Ellis, of Molino, received several of the fine wool awards which were made at the State Fair at Sedalia Tuesday. In the Missouri class of ramboillet, they were awarded prizes for the following: Yearling rams, first and second; ram lambs, first and second; aged ewes, first and second; yearling ewes, first and second; ewe lambs, first and second; back; pen of lambs; champion ram; champion ewe.

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LOWER FREIGHT RATES IMPERATIVE SAYS WALLACE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Railroads must share with the farmers and others the burden of the present economic situation by reducing freight rates, Secretary Wallace said Thursday before the inter-state commerce commission, which is investigating rates on grain and hay.

High freight rates have stopped production, the secretary said, adding that if the present situation continued production from the farms would be reduced materially.

"We cannot afford to let our agriculture be destroyed," he declared. "In attempting to relieve the distress of the farmers we are dealing with great economic forces. All our people ought to share the burden of the present depression."

The farmer was now bearing more than his share of the economic load, he said, because the purchasing power of farm products was below the average of other commodities. He presented figures to show that in Iowa the purchasing power of oats was 40 per cent of what it was from 1909 to 1914.

Mexico Couple Married in St. Louis Sat.

Miss Alice Quisenberry, daughter of Mrs. Josie Quisenberry, and Henry Duffen, both of this city, were married in St. Louis at 9 p. m., Saturday, while the bride was there for a visit with her sister Mrs. J. W. Sullivan. The attendants were Mrs. Mabel McCue, Mrs. Edith Maddox and Mr. C. R. Powell.

The couple returned Monday and will make their home on North Washington street.

The bride attended McMillan High School here and is a very charming and popular young lady who has a host of friends in Mexico.

Mr. Duffen, who is also well known in Mexico is a carpenter who has an unusually fine reputation for his work. He is employed by Towson Bros.

The Ledger joins in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Disband Millersburg Road Camp

JEFFERSON CITY, August 23.—The convict road camp at Millersburg, Callaway county—the last one in the state—is being disbanded and the state prison board has decided no more convicts will be worked on the roads.

A member of the board said the road camps have been a losing proposition to the state financially since the first one was established at Mineola in 1917 and they have not proven successful because of the large number of convicts that have escaped.

Negro Shot By Train Detective Near Jonesburg

William Alexander, a negro, was shot by a Wabash detective on Wabash freight No. 95 near Jonesburg Monday night. The man is in the Audrain Hospital here, having been brought to Mexico about midnight Monday night. His companion, another negro, is being held in the calaboose here.

Alexander and his companion were ordered off the train by the Wabash detective, and refusing to get off, Alexander grappled with the officer. The officer, in defense, shot the negro. It is not known just how serious his injuries are.

GEORGE LEEPER,
CALLAWAY COUNTY
FARMER DIES

George Leeper, a well-to-do farmer of Callaway County, died at his home near Concord early Saturday morning. It is not known here what was the cause of his death. He is survived by his wife and his brother, David Leeper. Definite arrangements for the funeral services have not yet been made.

W. S. Doolin Files Suit.
W. S. Doolin filed a suit with the Circuit Clerk Saturday morning against J. W. Loyd and others for failure to make payment on a note. Sisile McDonald also filed suit for divorce from Ethelma McDonald.

JUNIOR ELKS TO CONVENTION AT MOBERLY

Plans are being made to take the members of the Junior Elks organization to the Elks state convention at Moberly September 7. A meeting was held Monday afternoon, at which twenty-four out of the thirty-three members were present. The time of the meeting was spent principally in giving the boys their first lessons in drilling.

Col. F. N. Henderson has charge of the arrangements to take the members of the organization to Moberly. He is also in charge of the drill team.

This is the first Junior Elks organization that has been started in the United States, and upon its success here depends the spread of the movement to other parts of the country. In form the organization resembles that of the regular Elks, with practically the same officers and initiation service. The work which will be taken up is similar to that of the Boy Scouts, and will include the formation of the drill team, the planning of camping trips and similar excursions.

The Junior Elks who have signed up so far are:

Billy Burton
Bob Collier
James Eller
Jack Gregory
J. T. Hulen
Earl Moore
Harry Richardson
Ben Timberlake
Bobby White
Frank Rainey
William Rainey
Allen Green
Bobby Green
Clark Bledsoe
Bill Bledsoe
George Glass
Richard Kent
Landon McIntyre
Zek McIntyre
Frank Pearl
Coleman Stoltz
Bobby Tucker
Fred Lock Morris
Frank Sannebeck
Norval Sannebeck
George Tolson
John Edmonston
Dorrance Edmonston
Edward Gamble
R. J. Hulen
Graham Jackson
Roy King
Charlie Best

State Workers Will Address S.S. Convention

New methods of Sunday school teaching and the improvement of meetings connected with the Sunday school, will be the principal topics for discussion at the ninth annual convention of the Audrain County Sunday School Association, which will be held at the Liberty Methodist Church September 2 and 3. Each Sunday school in the county will send several representatives, and all the Mexico Sunday schools will have delegates there.

AUDRAIN RURAL SCHOOLS BEGIN WORK MONDAY

Several of the rural schools in Audrain County opened for the fall term of work Monday morning. Union School, five miles south of Mexico, was one of those which started work. Ellis School, seven miles north of here, was also opened. Miss Ola Stowers is the teacher of this school. The Benton City school, of which Mrs. E. C. Nieman and Mrs. W. H. Coyle are teachers, also began work. Others will be opened soon.

MONTGOMERY, MO., EDITOR IN ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL

MONTGOMERY, Mo., August 22.—John W. Jacks, editor of the Standard here, former president of the Missouri Press Association, who has been critically ill, is somewhat improved and has been taken to St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, for an operation.

Will Move to Washington

Harper Van Ness found on his last trip east that the white lights had such a strong attraction for him that he has decided to return. He will move to Washington, D. C., next month. They all come back, as Harper did the last time.